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#### AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

This "Amendment and Response" is submitted in response to the Office Action dated 8 June 2006 setting a shortened statutory period for response that does not expire until 8 September 2006.

Responsive to the Office Action, the Applicants request that the present application be amended as follows: